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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 01 July 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 23.

Identification of prior art discussed: Cragg (5,405,377) and Pinchuk (5,855,598).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It appears that amending the independent claims to further define the curvavture of the stent as being along a longitudinal axis of the body wherein the longitudinal axis is curved, or the like, will overcome the rejection over Cragg under 35 USC 102(b). Whether such an amendment will overcome the rejections under 35 USC 103(a) or other prior art will require further consideration of the amended language and an updated search.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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